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Special Senior pull-out section

Briefs

Bishop Higi to address grads

Bishop William L. Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana will deliver the address and receive an honorary doctor of laws degree here May 5 when Saint Joseph's College conducts its 96th annual commencement exercises.

Bishop Higi, who was installed as the head of the Lafayette diocese June 6, 1984, is a native of Anderson, Ind. He attended Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary (Wawasee, Ind.) for his senior year of high school and first two years of college, then attended Mt. St. Mary of the West Seminary at Cincinnati for two years of college and four years of theology studies.

He received a master of education degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati and was ordained May 30, 1959, by Bishop John Carberry in St. Mary Cathedral in Lafayette.

Bishop Higi subsequently served parishes in Lafayette and Logansport, Ind., and in 1965, he was named vice chancellor of the Diocese of Lafayette. He was appointed chancellor of the diocese in 1967 and became administrator of St. Augusta Parish in Lake Village, Ind., in 1970.

He was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Paul VI in 1978. Vicar-General of the Diocese of Lafayette in 1979 and administrator of the diocese Jan. 26, 1984.

Say cheese!

As part of this year's Commencement offerings, Rensselaer photographer Randy Bayly will be taking portraits on Sunday, May 5, from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m., in the Halleck Center Ballroom. The \$14.00 charge includes two 5x7 photos and eight wallet-sized prints, which will be sent to the address you specify.

No reservations are required. Don't miss this opportunity to capture your 1991 selves in living color!

'Lucky' Mathew captures Little 500 crown

by Norb Gray

For Bruce Mathew, director of computer services, winning the annual Saint Joseph's College Little 500 seemed to be just a matter of time. Mathew took the checkered flag at the rain-delayed 28th running of the Little 500 after running third in 1986 and second last year.

"I basically won because I got lucky. I was able to stay out of the accidents and keep on the track," said Mathew, who broke a couple bearings on his kart an hour before the race during the practice period. "If they [bearings] would have broke two hours later, I would have been out of the race for good."

Mathew, the fourth straight Rensselaer resident to win the event, completed the three-hour race with a tally of 181 laps, the others being Dave Downard (1988), Tom Messman (1989) and Jon Messman (1990).

Steve McAleer, SJC's director of dining services, finished second, winding through 178 laps. Sophomore Patty Glennon came in ahead of senior Tom Williams, SJC head electrician John Plank, and senior Mike McCarthy, who all completed 172 laps. Junior Pat Conner took the seventh spot with 171 laps.



Tom Rotkis

Mathew was in a dog fight during the first hour of the race as the lead swung back and forth among McAleer, McCarthy and Mathew. Mathew pulled ahead in the middle stages of the race as the other drivers could not stay out of trouble or had kart problems.

"Everything went right this

year. I broke all the brackets on my kart because of the rough track and it forced me to make two extra pit stops. Fortunately I was able to get back out on the track without losing my spot. My crew did a great job," commented Mathew.

The other drivers were: senior Bruce Borowski, eighth, 159

laps; junior Lyn Wright, ninth, 158; junior Luke Lengerich, 10th, 157; senior Paul Simatovich, 11th, 156 laps; senior Mark Ivers, 12th, 153; freshman Jason Ostrowski, 13th, 138; junior Mike Finn, 14th, 122; sophomore Rick Webber, 15th, 114; and junior Chris Keyser, 16th, 86.

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Seeks completion of Master's degree

Sr. Donna to leave SJC

by Jon Nowlin

Sr. Donna Liette, a woman whose name has become synonymous with love, fun and compassion through her work with Campus Ministry, is leaving Saint Joseph's College. She has decided to complete her master's degree in Pastoral Counseling and Studies at Loyola University's Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago.

Sr. Donna has been an incredible force behind the activities of Campus Ministry. She has organized the Peace and Justice group's prison ministry program, in which students visit prisoners for an evening every month. Perhaps her greatest contribution has been her tireless efforts to help make the Kairos retreat what it is today.

After she completes her graduate work at Loyola, Sr. Donna wishes to spend an extended period of time working in either Haiti or Central America. There, she wants to pursue her dream of breaking down the barriers between First World and Third World countries through education and religion. In addition, she would like to

continue her work with the prison ministry movement, which brings spiritualism and God's word into the confines of jail.

According to Sr. Donna, the thing she will miss the most from Saint Joe is the students, who, in her words, "have become sons and daughters to me." "I am grateful to the students for being open to me and helping me grow." She is also grateful to her colleagues, Fr. Denny, Fr. Ben, Fr. Tim and Fr. Tom. "It was a privilege to work with my Precious Blood brothers and Campus Ministry." The faculty and staff of the college will be remembered as well. According to Sr. Donna, "I am thankful for being a part of the Saint Joe community of learners and lovers."

Sr. Donna has always had a way with helping people through her many gifts. According to freshman Andrew Huss, "I think Sr. Donna's joy in serving others flows into other people, making them want to do the same. She tries to get involved in helping people out as much as she can. When Sis is gone, someone will fill her position, but no one can take her place."



Keith Frazier, a resident of Noll Hall, added, "Sr. Donna is someone who can brighten your day whenever you see her. Her lovely personality and love for life will be missed."

Sr. Donna will leave Saint Joe with the satisfaction of knowing that she has been a part of many students' lives. "I hope that in any way I have been a part in anyone's life that they not give up on their spirituality...remember me, but also remember the God that I wanted to introduce them to."



Editorial

From the top...

There are two kinds of leaders, those who lead by words and those who lead by example, the latter being the best. As Editor-in-Chief of STUFF this year, I personally encountered situations in which trying to be a leader was tough.

Scrutinization and criticism by peers is often hard to swallow, especially when you don't get a "thanks" or "nice job" occasionally. It's one thing to hear it from a professor or advisor, but I feel it's more appreciated when another person on the same level gives it to you.

In my opinion, not necessarily that of the staff, STUFF has reached a higher level of credibility and professionalism. The section editors who spent numerous hours behind the computers should be commended and the staff writers reported the Saint Joseph's College scene to the best of their ability. Our advisors, Charlie Kerlin and Lynn Young, gave the staff and more so, myself, the support needed to pull through the rough times.

Without an advisor first semester because of the departure of Mary Ellen Cross and sabbatical of Kerlin, STUFF was thrown into being a totally student-run publication. We wrote the stories, edited them, did the layout and pasteup all without any

help. I think our work went unnoticed except when a grammatical error or misspelling was found.

Anyone present in the Macintosh lab or the Chapel basement the Tuesday or Wednesday before publication knows the craziness of our jobs. Looking back over the year, two words that come to mind for me are "rewarding" and "frustrating." Being able to tell people things before they happen gives a person a sense of importance and receiving numerous letters to the editor means that the campus respects the paper as a news source.

But on the other hand, like most daily newspapers, you hear only bad remarks, never the good ones. Holding a deadline to get a club's event into the paper or trying to cover all sides of the story go criticized by those same people. Names aren't important, but staffers of STUFF, and those who are professionals too, deserve more than to be criticized for punctuation error. Don't the Chicago Tribune or New York Times have those same problems?

Personally, my frustration as editor has forced me to abandon the position. It's not due to one bad experience or criticism, God knows I've had about a million this year, but when people start to criticize on the personal level, then it's time to get out. Being

lambasted as an ignorant pig, sensationalist, and so stupid that I don't have enough credits to reach upperclassmen status is enough to discourage a 20-year veteran, let alone a 20-year-old.

Despite these things, you'll find my byline next year, and I still encourage the community to be discriminating readers, but maybe a little more appreciative of the job that your fellow students are doing. It's one thing to disagree with a staff opinion, but respect should be merited by all.

To clarify one point, the editorial is a majority vote one way or the other on the part of the STUFF editorial board. It's not one person's commentary or column. If criticism is appropriate after reading the staff editorial, then direct it toward STUFF, not an individual writer.

STUFF's coverage of the Saint Joseph's College community has met the staff's goal of consistency, credibility, and professionalism. I would be the first to admit that the publication is not error free, and has at times written things that were far from professional, but until a collegiate paper is found that hasn't, STUFF will continue to strive toward that goal, and even after a stumble here and there, we will continue to get right back up and continue.

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STUFF, the Saint Joseph's College community newspaper, has three purposes: to inform, to entertain and to provide a forum for the exchange of opinion. Any member of the SJC community may submit story ideas or letters to the editor, either in writing or through the campus computer network. Letters **must be** no longer than 300 words. Letters must be signed, although the writer's name may be withheld if **STUFF** editors deem such action necessary. **STUFF** is printed approximately every two weeks during the Fall and Winter semesters.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Jon Nowlin stated that, "The South Annex is supposedly the College's first venture into off-campus housing." Not so! St. Joe has a long history of housing students off campus.

In 1954 the College purchased the Dr. Ira Washburn home with seven acres of land on Grace Street in Rensselaer just east of the bridge on the Iroquois River (at present the home of Judge Phillip McGraw). That same year it also rented two other houses in Rensselaer and another one a mile south of the campus on Highway 231. Al-

together these four places housed about 75 students.

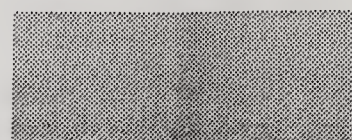
In 1960, 23 students from outside this neighborhood lived in approved private homes in Rensselaer. This number rose to about 50 in 1962, and to about 75 in 1965, in addition to about a dozen women. The number of women living off campus would grow until the erection of Justin Hall in 1968. About a dozen students also lived in a house a mile west of Bennett Hall.

In 1966 there were 174 students (men and women) housed in private homes and in Washburn Hall, and the next year another 22 were living in the old

Jasper County Hospital building, a new hospital having been erected just east of Rensselaer.

This information is found in my "Saint Joseph's College: A Chronology." When housing became available for all on campus, all non-day students, following the usual practice at other colleges and universities, were obliged to live on campus.

Father Charles J. Robbins, C.P.P.S.





From the Winner's Circle...

I would like to take this opportunity as the winner of the 1991 Little 500 to thank all those people who helped me accomplish my first victory.

I can't say enough about the performance of my pit crew. They did a spectacular job. I had two pit stops that were under 20 seconds for fuel. I would like to thank Steve James, John Rahe, Sheila Broussard, Vicki Triplett and Irene Vilinski.

I would also like to thank my sponsors: Kim's Klip and Kurle, Reinforcements Design, Sanders Cycle and Superior Sales & Service all from here in town. I think we should all thank the sponsors from the area that sponsored the race as a whole. Two companies that I know about are Rensselaer Auto Parts (NAPA) and Aero Oil Company of Logansport who each donated the oil that we used in the engines during practice and the race.

I want to thank all the employees here on campus who work so hard each year to make Little 500 Weekend a success. Maggie Flynn worked very hard on organizing all the events this year. Steve Lanoue and his crew helped immensely this year to get the track prepared. John Plank volunteered to help set up the track after his work day was done. Dr. Chesak helped set up the

straw bales for the chicane on Friday. JaLeen Deardurff also donated her time on the weekend to assist the lap counters at the start/finish line. Many employees here on campus do a great amount of work behind the scenes. Even though it is thought of as an all-student organized race, many faculty and staff put in long hours also.

I would also like to thank all the students who volunteered to help with the setup/take-down of the track this year. Lynn Wright and the other co-chairpersons of this year's Little 500 did a wonderful job in getting things prepared. Eric Twadell and his crew did a great job getting the track set up and taken down a total of six times because of the rain problems. Many of the drivers and their teams also volunteered during their busiest time to help set up the track and do much of the manual work of moving straw and tires. Thank you!!!

I consider myself to be very lucky to win this year after trying a total of six times. I managed to stay out of trouble on the track and had some very quick pit stops. Many of the cars this year were very competitive. Mike McCarthy, Wayne Borowski and I seemed like we were tied together for most of the laps during the race. I didn't feel that I was the fastest car in the race. Many of the other drivers were faster in the straightaways, but I could make up time on them in the corners and in my pit stops.

I had just as much chance of breaking down as everyone else did, but I got lucky this year. I didn't have any problems during the race. I had a bearing fail in practice Friday, and I had a chance to change it. If it had waited and failed on Sunday, I wouldn't have finished the race. The secret to winning this race is to stay out of trouble and run consistent lap times. Steve McAleer did just that and finished second. He earned his second-place finish because he used his head, stayed out of trouble, and let everyone else make their mistakes. Steve and I both understood that in a three-hour race, the goal is avoid breakdowns, avoid wrecks and limit your time in the pits. That is how you win the race!

I feel that if I had any advantage at all in trying to win the race, that advantage would have to be my patience. I knew that if I could stay out of trouble and not be too aggressive, I would finish in a good position at the end of the race. This year it happened to be first, and yes, my pit crew and I are very proud. I look forward to racing in future Little 500 races and whether I win or lose or not even finish, I will work hard to make it a safe and fun event for everyone involved.

Bruce Mathew

Official names set for campus streets

by Amy Bohney

As part of a Centennial contribution to the college, this campus will have street names, beginning this summer.

Senior Mark Randall originally thought of the idea one year ago, when he was the Executive Vice President for the Student Association. "Then the Student Association brought the idea to the Student Senate as an idea for a gift to the school in the Centennial year," said junior Brian Studebaker, Chairperson of the Student Senate Centennial Committee.

Many campuses have street names because they are part of a city. However, since SJC exists on private property, it does not share Rensselaer's street names. Randall explained why the campus should have street names. He said, "I have often personally tried to give directions to someone that is not familiar with our campus, and the task is near impossible. I figured that with street names, this would be much easier and what better time to get this accomplished than during the Centennial festivities."

The Centennial Committee consists of Studebaker, senior Elizabeth Nkuo, and juniors Colleen Boyle and Lou Lengerich. "We've been working on the whole project since September," said Studebaker. "We took the suggestion to Father Banet. It has gone through the Advisory Council, the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees. So now we're ready to order signs and have them up over the summer," he said. The committee is hoping for a dedication ceremony during Homecoming weekend next fall.

"Father Gerlach helped us a lot in generating a list of names," said Studebaker. "We wanted the names to have meaning to where we put them."

The following is the list of each name that will appear on the street signs all across campus and an explanation telling how the name relates to SJC.

Schuster Road — Representing the lay employees. Schuster served the College for 51 continuous years.

Precious Blood Road — This road goes past Schwietermann, which houses the members of the Precious Blood.

St. Xavier Road — This road leads to McHale Hall, which was once named St. Xavier Hall.

Thus, the name is being revived.

Father Gross Drive — Father Raphael Gross was the 13th President of the College. During his presidency, according to Father Robbins' Chronology of Saint Joseph's College, the College enjoyed a phenomenal growth in buildings, student body, faculty and financial support.

Drexel Road — named after Mother Katherine Drexel. This road has already been named by developers and will extend across Rt. 231 and into a future development site.

Scharf Lane — Dick Scharf served in the SJC athletic program for 42 years, and moreover, was a member of the first senior graduating class of the College.

Tonner Drive — Paul Tonner joined the music department in 1918, where he served for 45 years. Not only did he direct and train the band and orchestra, he also published 150 compositions, including Saint Joseph's Fight Song. He also directed the Rensselaer high school band 1930-40.

Father Kenkel Road — Reverend Joseph Kenkel was the 7th President of the College. He not only led the drive toward a four-year college, but he also kept the College operating during the Depression years.

Olberding Road — Brother Henry Olberding was one of the main people behind St. Joe's supplying its own electricity without having to rely on the Rensselaer services.

Father Wagner Road — Father Ignatius Wagner was the 5th President of the College. It was in his regime, according to Father Robbins' Chronology, that the College became a four-year college (1936).

Schaefer Circle — Father Daniel Schaefer was the Dean of Men from 1952-53. He provided a strong personality and stern discipline after the college received a large number of WWII veterans. This will be the street surrounding Halleck Center.

"I think our campus has a lot of character, but there is always room for improvement. I feel the street names and the actual signs themselves will be an asset to all departments on campus and will make an excellent contribution to the Centennial from the Student Association," said Randall.

Science Building renovations deemed 'significant, necessary' by Geleott

by Jon P. Nowlin

Saint Joseph's College, in an effort to improve its educational facilities and services to its students, has embarked upon an extensive renovation of the Science Building. According to Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Planning Ron Geleott, "No building is probably more vital to our academic process, and we regard this renovation as both necessary and significant."

The renovation process, with a hefty price tag of more than \$1 million, is a summer-long process that will reach completion before fall semester classes begin August 26.

The work has already started in the rear of the building where an elevator shaft is being dug to

accommodate handicapped students in the building where no such facilities previously existed. According to Geleott, "A ramp for the handicapped will be placed at the base of the new stair tower and elevator, providing ready access for them as well as library staff members who frequently haul loads of books, magazines and other items into the library."

In addition, the library itself will receive particular attention. Air-conditioning will be installed throughout most of the library and new, efficient windows will be added to retain heat in the winter and cool air in the summer. A new entrance will be installed in the library where the wall that divides the reference room from the first-floor class-

rooms currently exists.

Two small classrooms on the second floor, immediately south of the auditorium lobby, will be converted to restrooms. On the third floor, access will be made to the music department through both east and west entrances, where presently access is restricted to only the east entrance. Geleott said, "The central theme of our renovation is to improve both accessibility and safety within the building."

The work is being undertaken by a company owned by a trustee of the college, Phillip Wilhelm. When students return from their summer break, they will be met by a modernized library, and renovated Science Building.



Meat not just from grocery store

Students experience day at packing plant

by Jason Beres

Hey, kids! Have you ever enjoyed ham, bacon, pork chops and barbecued ribs? How about lipstick and football? Yes, all of these and more everyday all-American products are brought to you, courtesy of Mr. Piggy. This past Friday, Apr. 19, Brian Capouch and his Core 6 entourage journeyed to the Ward Packing Company located in Monon, IN, and learned a lot more about the food chain than they ever expected to.

All I could think about on the way to the Monon slaughterhouse was Upton Sinclair's famous novel, *The Jungle*, which exposed the filthiness and disease that festered within the meat packing industry. This turn-of-the-century-novel prompted government officials to propose and pass new health codes and food and drug laws that eventually culminated in today's Food and Drug Administration, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Both of these entities are supposed to ensure clean and healthy consumer products via monitoring of industrial processes and practices.

I soon learned that not only did the professionals at Ward's, a small community business, take pride in their cleanliness and trade, but that the pride carried out through their work was accentuated by their knowledge about the animals they prepared and complemented by the

word-of-mouth advertising that has made the business flourish. The men proved that the business is a lot more complicated than cutting and meat. By the end of the trip, I sensed that they not only commanded the utmost respect from our class; they deserved it.

Quality control could be observed throughout the process, although the process itself was quite nauseating for those weak of heart or stomach. I myself grew queasy and light-headed from the combined smell of fear communicated by hogs, coupled with the odor of freshly removed innards, and the graphic reality of the exchange of animal death for human life. Most of us, I think, now realize that food doesn't just come from the grocery store, and that the people who are involved in producing it are perhaps the most important people in our society.

Perhaps the most frightening, difficult part was the beginning of the process. The livestock being slaughtered today—in this case, the hogs—were individually or in pairs led into a holding cage, where it seems that many knew what fate was awaiting them. There, the animals were shot through the brain with a device resembling a .22 caliber construction gun, except that the shot is engaged by striking the device sharply against the animal's head, rather than using a hammer. The cage is then opened and the ani-

mal is left to twitch and kick for a couple minutes—a natural muscular reflex: watch a mosquito, fly or spider the next time you kill one. After this, the pig was lifted by chain and hook over a 55-gallon drum, where it was slit at the jugular and left to bleed. Although the pig is now five minutes dead, the muscles still pulsate.

After the blood has been drained, the animal is flayed (skinned) and gutted on a metal table. The skins are placed in to a 55-gallon barrel, where they will be picked up later by someone who may use them for oils, leathermaking, or the ever-popular snack, pork rinds. The innards come out connected, entrails and all, and are removed by hand and set upon a metal pallet, where they are examined for possible disease or parasites. The hearts are saved, and the liver, if healthy—the rest goes into another 55 gallon container. If the animal is ruptured, a common occurrence, the entire butchering process takes place at the table, to ensure that the entrails do not burst and ruin the hog.

Finally, the animal is moved to another station, where the remaining blood and waste are hosed off. The animal is then sawed in two, tagged for health and tax purposes, and sent into the cooler, where it sits for three or four days.



The pig is slit at the jugular and left to bleed. The Core six class witnessed the butchering of a pig at Ward Packing Company.

Frank Serrani

The time allotted is to let the enzymes naturally tenderize the meat, and so the meat is firm enough to be cut cleanly. Sausage and ground meats are often made while the animal is still warm. Bacon and ham are cut and cured for seven to ten days before packaging.

Ward's operates mainly through the surrounding agricultural area's support. Farmers can bring in an animal and pay for the services to butcher, or may sell to Ward's, which will in turn prepare the meat, and sell it locally or sometimes regionally, as their business has apparently spread equally to their reputation.

The next time you eat a pork fritter at the cafe, or pick up a hamburger at Mickey D's, you might want to think twice about where that fine piece of meat came from. I know that I will.

Students choose

alternative

Spring Break

by Jon Nowlin

For eleven members of the Saint Joseph's College community, the week of Spring Break will surely be remembered as one filled with culture, fellowship and service to others. Ten students, along with Co-Director of Campus Life Chris Zanowski, spent their spring break in the town of Coahoma, Mississippi, building houses for the Habitat for Humanity program. The students were given brief lessons on various aspects of construction by resident volunteers and were sent to work, doing just about anything from pouring the foundation of a house to shingling and painting other houses. The group worked alongside other students from Vanderbilt University in four different houses in the tiny,



Students work together to build a home for the homeless in Coahoma, Mississippi. Chris Zanowski

impoverished Mississippi community.

In addition to working with other students, the group shared the toils of labor with

the future inhabitants of the houses as well. This unique experience enabled the students to get to know the people that they assisted and to gain a greater appreciation for the local culture.

The town of Coahoma is situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, an area rich in legends and culture. The group sampled authentic Southern cooking during a side trip to Helena, Arkansas, enjoying fried catfish and shrimp at the Catfish House, an all-ucan-eat establishment. While in Helena, the students toured the Museum of Delta History, learning even more of the area's rich history and culture. Some of the students sat in on a Baptist church service, observing a unique prayer session. On the night before their

departure, the group relaxed at the River Mount Lounge in neighboring Clarksdale, Mississippi. Here, they socialized while listening to the blues music for which the area is famous.

The trip to Coahoma was made possible by the generosity of the student body, many of whom had given up their cafeteria numbers to help raise money for the venture. In addition, donations were made by Dr. Allen Berger and Bank One Corporation.

The trip was successful, and another trip like it is presently being considered by the Saint Joe campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity. If any student is interested in becoming a part of this organization, they may contact Chris Zanowski for more information.

Our Playground Days

by Jon Nowlin

Everyone has one or two peculiar things about his or her youth that, once recalled, bring a smile to the face. Remember playing basketball at your friend's house? Did he have a dog? Do you remember how nobody wanted to touch the ball after it had rolled through Rover's "minefield"? Or what about riding your bicycle into the wind and trying to spit like you saw Tom Seaver do on television? That's almost as bad as becoming the victim of an indiscriminate bird dropping. The innocence of our childhood is quickly tempered by the reality of our adult lives, but the quirky little memories we have can sometimes bring a smile to our face in a serious world.

SENIORS

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of 1991



As the year draws to a close, rampant curiosity on the STUFF staff led us to conduct a poll recently of seniors by seniors on the Saint Joe campus. The number in parentheses that follows the name indicates the number of votes cast. And the winners are...

The seniors who are considered to be the best dressed are **Jennifer Johnston** (23) and **Mark Randall** (28).

Nancy Ryan (6) and **Brent Kueper** (8) are the seniors voted most likely to succeed.

Amy McFadden (8) and **Mark Randall** (7) are the most organized seniors.

Jimmy Allen (4) has the sexiest/best male physique, and **Sharon Hathaway** (5) and **Karen Finnegan** (5) tied in the female category.

Marianne Bankert (6) is the female senior with the funniest/best sense of humor, and **Joel Cornell** (7) and **Paul Simatovich** (7) tied on the male side.

Vic Flemal (7) and **John Guinn** (9) appear to be the biggest troublemakers.

And **Karen Yung** (8) and **Bob Goebel** (7) are voted the messiest seniors.

Trish Leurck (12) and **C.J. Steigmeyer** (16) are without a doubt the best leaders.

And the cutest couple turns out to be...**Brian Specht and Kathleen Szczepkowski** (13). (Shown above)

**Good-byes
from SJC's
Class of 1991**

To: the Alumni/ Developers *'Thanks for Everyth*

P.S. \$45,000. It wasn't worth it.

To: Education Department
Thanks for everything—it's been fun!
Love, Gretchen

To: Sharon, Bridget, Irene, Lizzie, Lori, Mary, Kathleen, Ann & Mari-
anne
Bye

See ya, biscuit, you big
rolly-pollie bundle of
love. The food commerce
in Rensselaer can't prosper
without you.
Winchdog

Thanks for the fond
memories.
Michael Carey

To: Kelly Graham
Okay, I admit it. I'm
going to name my first
kid Oscar!
Love, Gretchen Siegel-
Meyer

To: TLT
You're the best! Stay
special!
From: LAP

Hey, fool:
You gotta king on your
head....Thanks for the
memories! Tip: Good
luck with the Regal
Beagle. So long!!

To Lady Puma Basket-
ball Team:
I will to you my "Lucky
Towel." Please take good
care of it! Thanks for all
the laughs and great
times we've had. Stay in
touch.

From: M. Jen #12

To: Kelly Bishop
I'm graduating and
you're not! Ha! Ha!
Love, Gretchen

Best of luck always! I
cannot wait until July
11th!

To the gentlemen on the
tennis team:
Good luck next year and
in the future.

The time is finally here.
Yes, indeed, graduation
is near. It'll be over soon
and then we'll say: "Will
you do it again? Hell, no
way!" Good luck, every-
one!

From: Joseph A. Bosch

To: all my friends on
Third West.
It has been an awesome
year! Here's to our fu-
ture fortune, health, and
JOBS!! Best of luck!

From: Kathleen

To: Tia Cook
To you I bequeath my
Core 9 professor! Best
wishes.
From: Gretch

To: Lisa Urban
To you I bequeath my
choir folder! Have fun
next year!
From: Gretch

To: All my senior friends
Cheers!
From: Gretch

To: Justin 3rd West
I'm glad we've all gotten
to be such good friends.
It's been fun.
From: Stacey

To: Justin 3rd West
Thanks for being the
greatest friends I've ever
had. You're the best.

To: Aquinas Hall
What a year! I'm outta
here!
From: Gretch

To: Joann Brinker
You are one of a kind!
Stay that way!
From: Gretchen

To: all the well diggers
and his friends
Good-bye and keep dig-
ging.

To: all the guys on Mer-
lini 2nd
Flip Flop and see ya next
year.
From: Capt. J.T. Kirk

To: Murphy's Law
Rule with an Iron Hand.
To: everyone else
It's not too late to leave.

To: SUB
Keep the efforts going,
even if you bomb.
From: George DeRosa

To: Justin 3rd West
What a floor we were!
Good luck everyone!

To: Marcella
It's been a slice working

with you. Check your
mail.

From: Stacey

To: Sister Donna
You're the best and you
will be missed!
Love, Gretchen

To: Justin 3rd West
It's been a blast! We
have to go down to Lafay-
ette when we graduate.
Let's keep in touch! Bye
Thundar!
From: Karen Yung

To: Jerry Redmond
You are the best athlete
to ever go through this
school. Good luck in
whatever you do.
From: Mr. B

To: Kelly Sigo
Hope you continue to
share your gifts! Good
luck!
From: Gretch

To: Cathy and Ann
Good luck next year in
doubles. You guys will
do great! I'll miss all
those road trips and I
doubt it games because
Cathy is such a good
liar!
Love, Jenny

To: Smats
Thanks for the rap ses-
sions and CKG.
From: Kip

To: Brian
Thanks for all the help.
You kept me in line.
From: BK

To: DeAnn
The best sis I could have
as a friend!
Love, Bro.

To: the women at the
cafe
Thanks for the good food.
From: Noll 2

To: Jen
Thanks for the best
month of my life. I'm
sure I'll see you at a Reds
game.
Love, Brent

To: Phil, Dan, Tony,
John, Tom
To the best times: Spring
Break, party fouls, PIG.
"Joe," "Yes John," "I want
to kill you!"
From: Brent

Thank you to all of my
wonderful friends who
have made my senior
year so memorable. I
love you!
From: Deanne Houston

I want to wish the best of
luck to the women's soc-
cer team. I will miss
you.
Love, Clem

To: Fr. Tom, Sr. Donna,
and Fr. Denny
Thanks for all your love
and support. It's been a
great two years.
Love always, Liz

To: Joe B. and Brent
You are unique. Thanks
for being good friends.
P.S. Have a nice day-
Love, Liz

ment Office

ing. I'll keep in touch." -Stacey

To: The Lunch Crowd
You all have provided
many interesting days.

P.S. Don't put pepper in
the salt shakers.
From: Liz

To: Joe Bosch
I want a divorce!
From: Liz

To: Roger L.
I love you! I'll miss you.
Stay away from Fr. Tom.
Love always, Liz

Cowan, Waters receive Senior of the Year honors

By Eric Kurutz

At the April 3rd President's Dinner, Father Banet congratulated the centennial senior class for making the choice for senior-of-the-year the most difficult one in the history of the competition. At first, one may presume that Banet makes a similar remark every year, but upon knowing who the candidates were, it is easy to understand why the Alumni Association had such a difficult time with its selection, and why Banet's remark seems no less than 100% credible.

The five finalists were: Jim Cooley, a biology-chemistry major from Clarks Hill, Indiana;

Cris Cowan, an elementary education major from Crown Point, Indiana; Sharon Hathaway, a mathematics major from New Haven, Indiana; C.J. Steigmeyer, an accounting major from Fort Wayne, Indiana; and John Waters, a radio television major from New York City.

Although each one of these seniors was more than qualified and deserving of receiving senior-of-the-year honors, only one could be chosen. This year, however, was different. After hours of examining and re-examining essays and conducting interviews, each of which was heralded as being most impressive, the final decision was so difficult that the Alumni Association broke tradition by awarding senior-of-the-year honors to two students, Cris Cowan and John Waters.

Both Cowan and Waters have excelled in college athletics, tennis and soccer respectively. Waters' volunteer work with the City Volunteer Corps of New York was his own personal way of trying to do what he could to improve his home town. Cowan often goes out of her way to work with young children, some of them special.

When asked what a senior-of-the-year does after graduation, Cowan replied, "I would love to move out West and teach. Colorado would be particularly nice." Cowan also has wedding plans for the summer of '92.

Waters plans on saving enough money to move into a place of his own and then get a free ride to graduate school. All of this, of course, after his much more immediate plans, "I am going to win the lottery."



FOOD for Thought..

TIME FOR LAST BITE

by Eric Kurutz

The centennial graduating class of 1991 bids a fond farewell to St. Joe. Whether or not this elitist title means we are far superior to any previous graduating class or any of those to come is yet to be determined, but it sure as hell sounds good. Please save all of your applause until the end.

To the twin towers of the chapel that will forever encompass us in their shadows and protect us wherever our lives may lead; not to mention act as constant reminders of all the times we good Catholics missed mass because we weren't quite feeling up to snuff on Sunday morning: We say farewell.

To the ominous water tower, a structure daring enough to rise above the towers of the chapel, thus sacrificing itself as a high priority target for lightning strikes: We say farewell.

To the period of time during which this campus was driest, the drought of '88: We say farewell.

To the Halleck Center cafeteria, a bistro of fine cuisine; nothing but food, folks and fun: We say farewell.

To the day the power went out and we knew not what we ate: We say farewell.

To the wonderful snack bar that saved us when the cafeteria had a bad day: We say both welcome back and farewell.

To the library's government documents room that provided a quiet and safe place to study during the Gulf War just in case a SCUD went slightly off course: We say farewell.

To Little 500 (New Year's Eve, Mardi Gras, and May Day all rolled into one): We say farewell.

To cable television and MTV that I do without at home: I personally bid a fond farewell.

And finally to the faculty, love 'em or hate 'em; they made the biggest steps of our lives difficult, painstaking and tedious; but more importantly, they made those steps rewarding and successful: Thank you.

SENIOR COMMENTARY

Students, faculty outraged at STUFF editorial

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

What makes an opinion worthy of an editorial in STUFF? What are those elusive qualities that set aside STUFF editorials from the shoddy, poorly written articles found in other newspapers?

Judging from the recent editorial concerning the Senior of the Year Award (4-11-91), it would seem that an honest representation of student consensus is a large component of such an editorial. However, some readers have disagreed with this representation. Back in the dorms, reading STUFF, some students used such phrases as "hasty generalization," and "classic case of myopia," to describe the most recent editorial. One would think that an editorial in STUFF (the newspaper by students, for students) would be respected by its readers.

Instead of earning respect, however, this editorial earned only scorn and derision. Some readers actually laughed at the editorial, dismissing it as "more of the same." Others simply said, "Consider the source—what else do you expect?"

SJC students expect to see honest appraisals of their own opinions, not nearsighted editorials based on a few misleading remarks. I hope that when STUFF tries to make generalizations about student opinion in the future, it does not miss the mark as widely as it seems to have done in the case of this year's Senior of the Year Award.

Hank Ahrens

Dear Editors:

I write in reference to the editorial in your issue of April 11, which questions the process whereby the Senior of the Year award is given.

I feel compelled to share a little advice with the editors that I've often given to my students: Careers are best served, in general, if people strive to flaunt their intelligence, and hide their ignorance. Your editorial writer seems to have things backwards.

For instance, early in the article, the author laments the fact that the award has wound up being just a popularity contest. A few lines later, appar-

ently oblivious to what was written above, the same writer reports the fact that some folks, back in their dorms after the dinner, said they didn't even know the seniors who received the award. An odd situation if the award was simply a popularity contest.

I know that sometimes it is in the best interests of an editor to write things that inflame people; invective gets people thinking about things at the same time it inflames them. But no useful purpose was served by the cheap attack on the worthiness of the award recipients. In fact, and all who know the students in question will agree, there is no way that the selection committee could have gone wrong with "any" of the finalists for this year's award; they are a uniquely gifted and dedicated group of individuals, and it's too bad that their accomplishment had to be denied in the editorial.

The editors of STUFF, in choosing to make an issue of such a specious thesis, invite the sort of open derision I encountered when I attempted to discuss the article's contents with several seniors. In response to my asking them what they thought about the content of the editorial, especially whether it "bothered" them, I was told that no, it was hard to get bothered by something like that once one considered its source. I hope the editors of the newspaper will try harder in the future to overcome this stigma, by following the old adage about putting the brain in gear before opening one's mouth.

Brian Capouch

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial on the Senior of the Year award was, at best, misguided, and lacked the type of journalistic research that is expected at most reputable newspapers. In our capacities as chair of the Alumni Board selection committee for the Senior of the Year award and Director of the Alumni Office, we would have welcomed an interview before your staff published that editorial. An informed opinion, justified with some sem-

blance of a factual basis, would have stimulated a much more constructive and useful debate of the relative merits of the Senior of the Year award.

The initial part of the process of choosing the Senior of the Year is strictly in the hands of the Senior class. The Saint Joseph's College faculty and staff are committed to student involvement on every committee (even on the President's Administrative Council). The Alumni Association Board of Directors concurs with that philosophy. As a consequence, the Senior of the Year committee wants the seniors to vote for their top five candidates.

This is accomplished via election (in front of the cafeteria and monitored by the Alumni Office staff), and each senior is contacted by the Alumni Office to let them know when the election is to be held. Each senior is then allowed to vote for five candidates. The only reason a senior could possibly be disqualified as a candidate (and, hence not be placed on the ballot) is the minimum G.P.A. requirement of 3.25. In the editorial, your reference to a "high" G.P.A. is misleading and debatable since a 3.25 G.P.A. would not put a senior in the top ten percent of the student body that is recognized on the Dean's list. What this means is that the award is not limited to recognition of just academic achievement, but in order to be considered, some minimum level of proficiency is expected (much like eligibility for academic courses like internships, departmental or divisional awards, eligibility for athletics, etc.).

Also, announcing the election gives any senior the time to talk with the electorate (i.e., classmates) to lobby for votes in order to come before the committee as one of the top five choices. If there is any possible way to interject factors like "beauty" or "popularity," it is when members of the Senior class choose to abandon their responsibility to take this election seriously. After personally interviewing all five of this year's candidates, the committee hardly thinks that this was the case.

We can unequivocally state that from the perspective of the committee, the selection of a Senior of the Year is hardly a decision that is predicated upon anything even remotely related to beauty or popularity. In fact, after the election of the five candidates, the committee asks the candidates to provide a detailed resume, and the faculty and staff are invited to send supporting documentation to make a case for one of the five candidates. Then, the committee meets individually with departmental representatives (usually department chairs) from the candidates' major areas of study. After meeting with faculty, the committee has individual interviews with each candidate. In these individual interviews, the candidate is asked a variety of questions dealing with their major, their relevant extracurricular experiences (athletics and other!), their ability and willingness to speak before the commencement audience, their future plans, who (other than themselves) should win this award, the appropriate educational philosophy of a Catholic college, etc.

After meeting with all of the involved faculty, incorporating the supporting documentation, and analyzing the responses from the candidates, the committee then reaches a decision. To pick a winner, the committee discusses the relative merits of each candidate and, in a slow, deliberate fashion, reaches a consensus (and this year, a unanimous consensus!). We hope these comments adequately address your questions concerning the process and the criteria that are utilized to pick the Senior of the Year (by the way, all of this information is on file in the Alumni Office).

You closed the editorial by mentioning that Father Banet said the selection of a winner was difficult. Actually, the presenter of the award, James Buckley ('48), made those comments and, since he was a member of the selection committee, we asked him to convey that message to the audience. We made that request because the Senior class did an excellent job when they selected this year's field of candidates and that is specifically why the selection of just one winner, in the committee's opinion, was impossible! The committee felt that this year's group of candidates was

exceptional, and the Saint Joseph's College Alumni Association is proud to recognize them all for their academic achievement and service to humankind.

In an ideal world, all future Saint Joseph's College students would routinely succeed in the classroom. More importantly, they would demonstrate good character and effective leadership skills. They would, like this year's candidates, be excellent role models for their peers. However, in the real world, that just will not happen. Consequently, the tradition of selecting an outstanding senior (or now, two) must continue.

Senior of the Year is an honor that is different from any other on this campus in that it incorporates selection by peers, faculty and alumni. Furthermore, it says that someone (contrary to your conclusions based on informal sampling) took the time to vote for James Cooley, Christine Cowan, Sharon Hathaway, Clement (C.J.) Steigmeyer, and John Waters. All of these individuals have touched some lives and made a difference over the last four years. We hope their experiences, which resulted in recognition that they did not seek, provide fruitful ideas for future seniors at Saint Joseph's College. Their collective actions merit positive recognition from their peers and provide an example that can be an inspiration for all of us.

Sincerely,

David E. Owens, '75
Chair of the Selection Committee for Senior of the Year

Martha Mills
Director of Alumni Relations

Thanks

STUFF would like to thank all the students and faculty who expressed their opinions throughout the year. We hoped to have encouraged an open forum for debate and discussions, and will continue to do so in the coming years.



Black/white couples: '...just as normal as anybody,' but still controversial subject

by Amy Bohney

Biracial marriages were illegal and were grounds for assault or worse in the South only 24 years ago, according to *Ebony*, June 1990. Since that time, the number of interracial marriages nationally has tripled. But still in 1989, less than one half of one percent of all U.S. marriages are black and white couples, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Although black and white couples are not something new, they are still a controversial subject. When a black/white mixed couple walks around holding hands, many people tend to do a double take and stare.

Despite all the gawking, "we feel like we're just as normal as anybody," said sophomore Harry Vinegar about himself and sophomore Kelly Bishop.

Vinegar said, "I know there are people on this campus who do not approve of us, but we don't talk to those a _ _ h _ _ s."

Junior Rob Davis said, "I've heard people say that relationships should be within their own culture." However, nobody has ever directly said anything like that to him and his girlfriend senior Jennifer Santo.

Some professors on campus have expressed to Vinegar and Bishop how they feel about them as a couple. "One professor told me he thought it was great," said Vinegar.

Bishop said, "One of my professors cuts out articles about interracial couples to give to me."

Students and professors on campus are not the only people who have opinions about black and white couples. Families, friends, and neighbors all have their feelings about the couples.

"Families are important to both of us [Vinegar and Bishop]," said Vinegar.

Bishop's parents "...were real skeptical at first until they got to know Harry," said Bishop. "They have their worries about how society will look at us. When Bishop's parents got to know Vinegar, they liked him as a person, and that overlooks everything else."

Santo said at first she "...thought about what other people might think. It was a passing thought, not major thought." But, "I realized that I didn't care



what other people thought."

"We're so much alike that I never notice..." that Santo and Davis are of different races, "...until the fact is brought up," said Santo.

Davis agreed. He said, "I love Jennifer for what she is."

Santo told her parents about her relationship with Davis "after about a week. They were very accepting." However, Santo's family, like Bishop's, "...is worried about how we will be treated."

Off campus might bring a totally different situation as to how the couples could be treated. "I wonder what it will be like off campus," said Bishop. "We're in a controlled environment" now.

The towns from which the couples come seem to make a difference as to whether or not black and white couples are accepted. Davis said, "My town [Ann Arbor, Mich.] is totally a liberal town; it's unusual. Anybody is basically accepted."

Despite the liberalness of Davis' town, "right outside of my town, on both sides, there's prejudice either way." On one side, black people are prejudiced against white people and on the other side, white people are prejudiced against black people.

So far, Santo said she and Davis have not been treated badly by anyone. She said, "My friends are totally accepting. I don't think my neighbors would say anything." And, if there has been any comments against the black and white couple on campus, "I'm not aware of it," said Santo.

Vinegar explained on way how black and white couples become more accepted. He said, "When you're not used to seeing something, you tend to shy away from it. When you see more of it, it's more acceptable."

Vinegar and Bishop have noticed that black and white couples are more acceptable among younger people. "I see it [black and white couples] all the time in teenage and high school kids," said Vinegar. "The only place I don't see it is in people over 25. They grew up in a different generation."

What about other types of mixed couples, such as Mexican and white, Chinese and white, etc.? "How come no one gets upset about that?" asked Vinegar.

Besides fearing how their own children will be treated, another concern of the parents of the mixed couples is the possibility of children, if they decide to get married eventually. Could the children experience problems with identification?

An offspring from a mixed marriage wrote an essay in *Scholastic Update*, April 7, 1989. She wrote, "We are forced to identify with one race or the other, and we always feel that we are betraying half our heritage." However, after meeting other students in high school who were half black and half white, she stopped feeling so isolated, "...and I became more comfortable with my racial identity."

"My mom always used to ask me about the kids," said Bishop. But, "what about us?" she asked her mother. "It's not fair to deprive ourselves of what we want on the chance that our kids might have problems years from now."

"If we were to get married," said Vinegar, "a stable home with two loving parents will overcome any ridicule our children might receive."

Vinegar gave some advice. "I don't feel people should have to date someone from a different race, but it will only help society, and the ones that don't should be more understanding about it," said Vinegar. "I wouldn't lock myself into one particular group."

Flynn looks to graduate school

by Norb Gray

Maggie Flynn, SJC's full-time director of student activities, will be leaving at the end of this semester to pursue graduate studies in public relations at Ball State University in Muncie. Flynn will be leaving SJC after three years of service.

Before coming to SJC, Flynn received her undergraduate degree in Commerce/Modern Language (French) and Secondary Education from Saint Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Flynn noted that Loretto is a town much like Rensselaer, only smaller.

"I feel like a student who should be here for four years,

but I guess I took the accelerated program," said Flynn with a laugh as she continued, "It was just a matter of timing. I've always wanted to go to graduate school and since I want to change fields, the time is right." Flynn hopes to break into the field of corporate special events planning, but doesn't rule out the possibility of working for a school again.

As Director of Student Activities, Flynn was the advisor to the Student Union Board, resource manager to all clubs and organizations and head of the Central Scheduling Office (designates campus facilities use).

Coming to SJC, Flynn took

on the "common" challenge, as she called it, of apathy on all college campuses, big and small. "Apathy is a national trend not just at Saint Joseph's. Sometimes it's frustrating to see apathy on campus where no one wants to participate, but I think that's changing."

On the other hand, the job of advising SUB has been very rewarding to Flynn, noting the way the organization has come together since she has been here. Flynn down-played her role and believes that the group is well on the way to a successful future.

"SUB used to have one or two events a year, but it has become more organized and now

there are events nearly every weekend. SUB will do just as well when I leave. Student leaders are able to train each other now. The new person will have just as much energy and student support.

"It was great working with people who were there because they wanted to be. The program is proven now. They did the work, not I, and because of this, I know they won't fall apart."

If there is one thing Flynn won't miss, it's the planning of the annual Little 500 race, for which she plans to return next year. "But in all sincerity, I will miss the people of St. Joe and I look forward to coming back."





Tracksters roll over opponents; claw way to 25-7 mark for '91

by Jason Beres

In the athletic department, this year's top winning percentage for a men's team goes to the track team. Believe it or not, the men have compiled a final record of 25-7, with a strong mixture of upperclassmen and underclassmen, most of whom return for next season.

Even though many members of the team have fought through injuries to participate, the team has come together in a way that most athletes probably never would have expected. Certain individuals have shone forth as leaders over the course of the season, while others have come through unexpectedly in clutch situations when points were not provided elsewhere, marking their signature as a true team.

The men had a pair of pivotal meets recently. On Apr. 6, they participated at the Manchester Invitational, finishing third of seven teams, with 110 points. Leading the way were throwers Deren Wilder and Greg Gehl. Wilder won the discus outright by distancing the competition by over eleven feet with a toss of 150' 4 1/2". He also took the hammer by nearly twenty feet, launching it 157' 7". Gehl set a personal record with his victory in the shot put, throwing 50' 8". Teammate Dave Kochan's toss of 44' 3 1/2" was good for fifth place.

In the other field events, Phil Williams substituted for an injured John Anthony in the triple jump and captured third place with a leap of 40' 10 1/4". Aaron

Addy's high jump of 5' 10" was good for fourth place, while Mike Benjamin's vault of 11' 6" was worth a second place.

In the running events, Aubrey McCoy set a meet record with his :15.56 clocking in the 110 highs, while taking second in the 400 hurdles with a time of :54.75. Jerry Redmond was victorious in the 800 (1:56.94) and placed third in the 1500 (4:07.98). Phil Williams cap-

tured a pair of fourth places in the 200 (:23.33) and 400 (51.34) meter dashes. Chris York ran an 11:33 3000 m steeplechase to grab sixth place, while Scott Brady's 1:59.68 took fifth in the 800. The men finished second (3:23.59) and third (:44.5) in the 1600 and 400 m relays, respectively.

At Little State on Apr. 13, the men placed fifth out of eighteen teams, scoring 48 points.

Coach Steve Piha set goals of 50 points and a finish in the Top Five, and was pleased with the results, although he feels that the team could have done better, because the points he expected came from less likely than normal sources, in a meet where cold, wet and windy weather conditions could either make or break an athlete.

Perhaps the best single event performances of the entire sea-

son came in the 800 meter run. Jerry Redmond repeated as Little State champion in the 800 with a time of 1:54.27, while Scott Brady shocked all with an outstanding performance of 1:56.68, good for third place. John Anthony came off of his hamstring injury in a big way, capturing second place in the triple jump with a season-best 43' 7 1/2", and took fifth in long jump with another season-best leap of 21' 3 1/2". Deren Wilder, who had an off day, still managed to perform competently. Wilder took fourth in the hammer at 152' 2" and sixth in the discus with a throw of 146' 1". Jason Beres, who has also been nursing a season-long hamstring pull, long jumped a season-best 21' 4", good for fourth place.

The men's relay teams, which have been consistent the entire year, captured fourth place in the 4 x 400 (3:27.06), while the 4 x 100 squad finished sixth at 44.32.

The fifth place finish overall at Little State is the best to memory for both athletes and Coaches Piha and Bill Masupniks. Hopefully, with the added incentive to win and momentum from a banner season, coupled with a strong returning nucleus, the Puma men's track team can better their fine 1991 performance.

The Pumas fared well at last Saturday's non-scoring invite at Illinois Wesleyan, and will compete Saturday at Milliken in a non-scoring invitational to conclude their 1991 season.



Lynn Allyn Young

Sophomore Aubrey McCoy, star hurdler for the Pumas, displays his perfect technique at the Little State meet, Apr. 13.

Lady Pumas field quality; look to future for quantity

by Jason Beres

The Lady Pumas track team finished up their 1991 campaign with a mark of 16-17, but fielded only eight women in doing so, making winning any meet a major task. Of the scoring meets they competed in, the Lady Pumas fared best at the Earlham meet, where they placed second out of five teams. Other accomplishments of note for the team were their finishes at the Manchester Invitational (fifth) and at Little State (ninth), proving it

doesn't take quantity to field quality.

Although disappointed at the record of his team, Coach Potacki said the team as a whole was very consistent with its performance, and that the lack of depth really hurt. Potacki said the most consistent person was junior Lisa Webster, who threw the shot put, javelin and discus, and ran in both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relays. Webster broke the school record in the javelin at the Manchester

meet with a toss of 111' 2". At the Little State meet, conditions were severe, with headwinds and rain making both footing and throwing for any distance difficult. Senior Wanda Reaves came back after a one year lay-off and likely would have been back too old form had the season lasted a bit longer. She did a fine job in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes along with her relay work. Sophomore Mo Goeddeke, who finished fourth in the 5000 meters at Little State,

paced the women in the distance races, worked doubly as a cross country runner this year, as did sophomore Virginia Johnson, who was on call as a long and triple jumper, a sprinter, and ran in the relays. Sophomore Tia Glass was a consistent five-foot high jumper and also was successful in the triple jump, and sophomore Marian Pack helped bolster the team in the 800 and the 4 x 400 relay. Senior Paula Hoover added precious points in the throwing events.

Coach Potacki cited junior Anne Kaminski as the "team leader" and the hardest worker, and looks to her, along with the other returnees, to form a strong upperclassman nucleus for next year's freshmen to follow. Potacki believes that the key to the team's success next year will be leadership, and the addition of three freshmen, all of whom were All-State as juniors, and looks optimistically toward the possibilities in store for next year's squad.



NBA Tournament promises excitement, possible "sarsaparilla"

by Mike Burns

The Cleveland Cavaliers, who won eight of their last ten games, were the hottest NBA Eastern Conference team at the close of the season. They will not get a chance to show their abilities in the play-offs, but the Chicago Bulls, the second hottest team, will. The Bulls won a club-record 61 games and have turned out to be the cream that has risen to the top, due in part to default by the competition.

The Eastern Conference looks weak this year. Only the Cavs and Bulls played over .500 ball going down the stretch. Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons and Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers are both ailing. The Boston Celtics are entering the play-offs on the downswing, losing six of their last ten.

The Celtics are beginning to wonder if this will be their season to return to the NBA finals, from which they have been absent the last three years. Larry Bird's back condition has all Celtics' fans concerned about their chances. Bird's shooting percentage this year is at a career-low 45.4 percent, shooting only 43 percent since February 6. The April 22 edition of *The Sporting News* quoted Bird: "If everybody is healthy and we play hard, we can go all the way. I don't think there is a great team out there. There are a lot of good ones, but I don't think there is one team that overshadows the rest. The most important thing for us is to do well in the play-offs. It's going to take a lot of luck."

The Indiana Pacers and their

fans hope to keep Bird and his teammates talking in this low-key fashion. The Pacers continue to seek to improve on last year, with the primary objective being to reach the second round of the play-offs. They could not have picked a more suitable opponent, excluding the New York Knicks, to face in the first round. The Pacers match up very well with the Celtics and a victory over a team with such a legendary tradition would do much to build the Pacers' confidence. This is a very important factor for a young team, unsure of itself, and one that would be likely to face defending NBA champion Detroit in the second round.

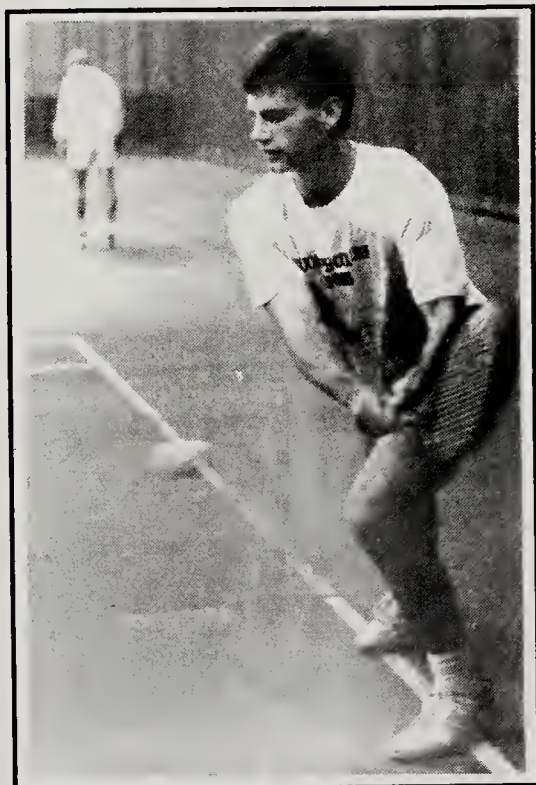
Much of my attention is going to be riveted on the fantastic

matchups that will occur in the Western Conference play-offs. The Houston Rockets will help start the fireworks with a scheduled five-game series with the traditionally strong Los Angeles Lakers. The series opener is tonight (Thursday) at the Forum. Saint Joseph's College senior, Bruce Blaylock, must be shaking in his shoes. He had the guts to wager two sarsaparillas that the Lakers would outlast the Portland Trailblazers in this year's play-offs.

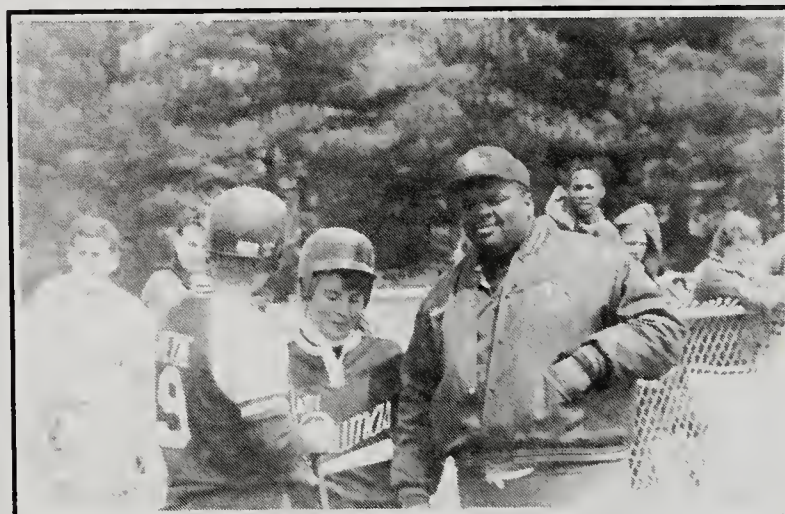
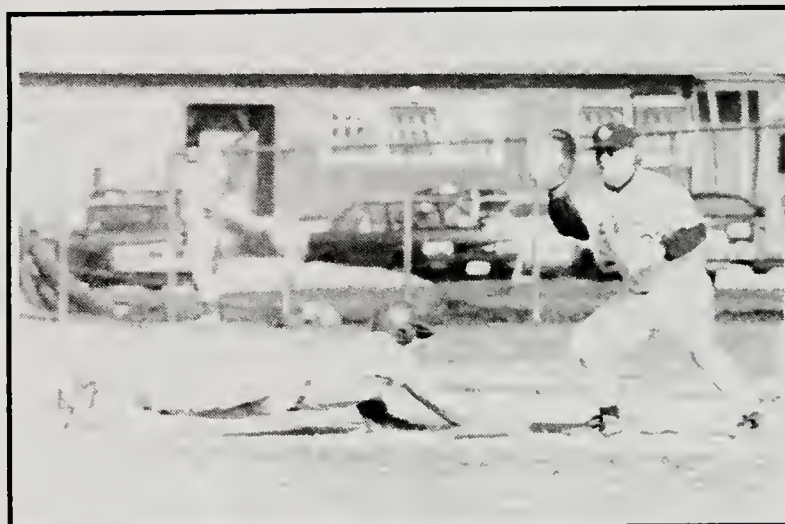
The Lakers will be hard-pressed to keep up with the overall speed of the Rockets. The Lakers were bounced out of the play-offs last year by Phoenix in large part due to the fact Byron Scott could not defend lightning-quick Kevin Johnson. Scott and Magic Johnson will be hard-

pressed to handle Kenny Smith and Vernon Maxwell. Maxwell should be able to light up the scoreboard at will if he is not distracted by his contract problems. Houston head coach, Don Chaney, was asked about the Portland team after the Rockets recent homecourt loss to the Blazers. "I thought they might have a few problems with complacency, but the road to a championship definitely goes through Portland." The Blazers won a club-record nine straight road games as they put together a sixteen-game winning streak before losing their final regular season game at Phoenix. Their late-season victories at Houston and San Antonio helped them make their statement regarding the defense of their Western Conference title.

Pumas in Action



Clockwise from above: *Freshman tennis player Andy Huss works hard at practice. Huss defeated his opponent in #5 singles, 6-0, 6-1, as the Pumas routed Lewis, 9-0. The Pumas take a 5-5 mark into the Great Lakes Valley Conference tourney at Southern Indiana this weekend. *Chris Potter tags out a Bellarmine baserunner, clinching a victory. The 22-20-1 Pumas (10-8 in the GLVC) will travel to No. Kentucky this weekend to battle in the double elimination conference tourney. *Senior Laura Heyne (9) and teammate discuss strategy with softball coach Ernest Watson.





Play appeals to young and old

Columbian Players' 'Grease' success

The Columbian Players greased back their hair, put on their dancing shoes and gave their vocal chords a workout in three "solid"—as Danny would put it—performances of the musical "Grease" March 21-23.

This playful romp through the 1959 Rydell High School scene—the highlight of which was the school prom—was staged with an endless exuberance that had the audience hand giving its way to the exits after each night's performance. Hurrah for the cast, band and crew—each and every one of them!

This was truly a play that appealed to the young and old alike. Junior Bob LaMere (Danny), explains, "It's like a Bugs Bunny cartoon. Kids and older people both enjoy it." While the adults, many of whom were reliving their own days of "sweet



sixteen," chuckled at the play's abundance of sexual innuendos, the youngsters had no trouble

identifying with the high-tempo excitement of such frolicking numbers as "We Go Together"

and "Greased Lightning," during the latter of which most were overheard whispering, "Mommy, I can make a better car than that."

LaMere is quick to pass on some of the credit for the play's success. "The crowd was very very important. That's what gave us our energy." And like clockwork, each night's crowd voiced its overwhelming approval with loud applause and cheers after each of the musical numbers. Well deserved, indeed.

Although it technically may have been billed as "Grease," directed by John Rahe, and starring Bob LaMere as Danny and Kelly Sigo as Sandy, the success of this semester's production was the result of a highly evident cast camaraderie that stretched far beyond the limits of the stage and cast parties.

Summer fun:

Bands, entertainers to perform in Indiana, Illinois

May

- 2...**Howie Mandell**. Murat Theatre.
- 10...**Cinderella**, with **Nelson and Lynch Mob**. Deer Creek.
- 10...**Tim Allen**. Murat Theatre.
- 10-11...**Aretha Franklin**. Star Plaza Theatre.
- 14...**Nils Lofgren**. Vogue.
- 15...**Jane's Addiction**, with **24-7 Spyz**. Deer Creek.
- 17...**Yellow Jackets**, **Nelson Rangell**, and **Special EFX**. Star Plaza Theatre.
- 19...**Queensryche**, with **Suicidal Tendencies**. Murat Theatre.

June

- 2...**Steve Winwood**, with **The Robert Cray Band**. Deer Creek. Will also appear at Chicago's World Music Theatre on June 15.
- 7-9...**CATS**, at Paramount Arts Centre, and June 18-23 at Clowes Memorial Hall.
- 8...**Dan Fogelberg**, at Poplar Creek Music Theatre. Also July 5, with **Tim Weisberg**. Deer Creek.
- 12...**Molly Hatchet**, **Lone some Dave's Foghat**, **Pat Trav** Plaza Theatre.
- 14...**Garth Brooks**, with

- Trisha Yearwood**. Deer Creek.
- 15...**Clash of the Titans**, featuring **Slayer**, **Anthrax** & **Megadeth**. Alpine Valley Music Theatre.
- 21...**Deer Creek Jazz Fest**, with **David Sanborn**, **Take Six**, the **Neville Brothers**, and **Yellow Jackets**. Deer Creek.
- 22...**Chicago**, at Poplar Creek.
- 23...**Reggae Sunsplash**, including **Ziggy Marley** and **Queen Latifah**, at Poplar Creek.
- 24...**Charlie Daniels Band** and **Patty Loveless**. Poplar Creek.
- 27...**Maynard Ferguson**, with **Joe Williams**. Starlight Musicals.
- 27...**Leon Redbone**, at the Vogue.
- 28...**AC/DC**, with **L.A. Guns**. Alpine Valley Music Theatre, and June 29, World Music Theatre.
- 29...**Gordon Lightfoot**. Starlight Musicals.

July

- 5...**Jimmy Buffett** and the **Coral Reefer Band**. Poplar Creek Music Theatre.
- 6...**Whitney Houston**, with **After Seven**. Deer Creek.
- 7...**Emmylou Harris** & The

- Nitty Gritty Dirt Band**. Star Plaza Theatre.
- 9-14...**A Chorus Line**, at Starlight Musicals.
- 18...**Liza Minnelli**. Deer Creek, and July 21, Poplar Creek.
- 19...**Steve Miller**, with **Eric Johnson**. Deer Creek.
- 19...**Nancy Wilson**, **Joe Williams**, **Freddie Hubbard**, **Stanley Turrentine**, and **Jimmy Smith**. Star Plaza Theatre.
- 20...**Bruce Hornsby**, with **Rosanne Cash**, at Poplar Creek.
- 21...**The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber**, with full symphony orchestra, soloists and choral ensemble. Deer Creek.
- 26...**Willie Nelson** and **Waylon Jennings**. Poplar Creek.
- 27...**Doobie Brothers**. Poplar Creek.
- 27...**K.T. Oslin** with **Chris Hillman** & **The Desert Rose Band**. Star Plaza Theatre.
- 31. **YES**. Deer Creek.

August

- 3...**Bonnie Raitt** and **Chris Isaak**. Poplar Creek.
- 3 and 4...**Don Henley**, **Sting**, **Little Feat**, **Susanna Hoffs**, at Alpine Valley Music Theatre.

- 9...**Moody Blues** and **Hall & Oates**. Poplar Creek.
- 11...**The Beach Boys**. Deer Creek and Poplar Creek.

September

- 7...**Paul Simon**, at the World Music Theatre, and September 8 at Alpine Valley Music Theatre.

Phone numbers for tickets:

- Alpine Valley Music Theatre**: 1/800/441-ROCK
- Clowes Memorial Hall**, Indianapolis: 317/239-1000
- Deer Creek**, Indianapolis: 317/239-5151
- Murat Theatre**, Indianapolis: 317/239-5151
- Paramount Arts Centre**, Aurora, Ill.: 708/896-6666
- Poplar Creek Music Theatre**, Hoffman Estates, Ill.: 312/559-1212
- Star Plaza Theatre**, Merrillville: 219/769-6600 or 312/734-7266
- Starlight Musicals**, Indianapolis: 317/631-5700
- Vogue**, Indianapolis: 317/239-5151
- World Music Theatre**, Chicago: 312/559-1212

Earth Day in Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry is offering an "Earth Day Celebration" April 22-May 5. For two weeks, activities will include learning how to recycle paper, creating art out of garbage, and watching a "down to earth" Omnimax movie.

Chicago artist Vincent C. L. Jo-Nes will kick off the festivities by conducting participatory workshops in making art out of garbage. Visitors will make creations using items such as plastic toys, watches, and natural objects, and will be able to take their masterpieces home with them. Jo-Nes has created individual artworks for Gene Roddenberry, the creator of "Star Trek", as well as for cast and crew members who starred in "Star Trek—The Next Generation" and the "Dr. Who" television series.

The celebration will continue with a workshop entitled "Recycled Paper by You," which will utilize paper from a variety of sources such as juice can labels, cards, and candy wrappers. Visitors will be able to take home the paper they make.

In addition to the workshops, a traveling exhibition entitled "Diversity Endangered" will be on display throughout the summer. The colorful exhibition of 15 posters introduces the wild places and species that make up the natural world and shows how biological diversity contributes to our welfare.

The current Omnimax film, "Blue Planet," is a breathtaking motion picture that explores the wondrous beauty of Earth as well as the destructive forces that threaten its future. Shown on the giant screen, this 42-minute film will take audiences on an unforgettable space adventure that is as close to being in orbit with astronauts as one can possibly get.

The Museum of Science and Industry is located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. For more information, call 312/684-